



17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After Action
REGULAR MEETING

June 3, 2003

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	John Bautista
Committee Member	Sharon Leonard
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Charles Swann

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig Van Keulen

1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gadway called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: None

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Committee Member Bautista

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

Carol Wood, Director
YMCA Senior Center

Ms. Wood announced the Fourth of July Barbeque will be held on June 27th. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be on the menu. The Manzanita Room will be painted on June 4th. Ms. Wood also announced the cost of the meals for the Senior Nutrition Program will be raised from \$1.75 to \$2.00. The new cost will go into effect on July 1.

Chair Gadway asked if the computers had been installed in the Manzanita Room. Ms. Wood responded she is waiting for the painting to be completed.

Committee Member Leonard thanked Ms. Wood for publicizing Mayor Kennedy's attendance at the meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso reported members of the Parks and Recreation Commission will serve on the Sub-Committee for the Indoor Community Recreation Center. A member of the Senior Advisory Committee will serve on the Sub-Committee as well. The Sub-Committee will provide community input into the design phase of the Indoor Community Recreation Center. The Sub-Committee will meet on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Skinner

Marie Skinner will serve as the representative from the Council on Aging Advisory Commission. Ms. Skinner reported she is assisting seniors to register for the national "Don't Call" List. This list will prohibit telemarketers from calling individuals on the list. The "Don't Call" List is not active yet. Interested seniors are now pre-registering to be included on the list. Chair Gadway asked if this service was available to seniors at the Senior Center. Ms. Skinner responded that Carol Wood was assisting her in publicizing the "Don't Call" List at the Senior Center and assisting seniors in the registration process.

Ms. Skinner also announced the Blue Knights, the amateur basketball team made up of Morgan Hill Police Officers and Fire Fighters will play in a charity basketball game against members of the San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders on August 15th. The game will be at Live Oak. . She will provide the price for individual tickets at the next meeting. Those interested in making a donation can purchase larger groups of tickets – 10 tickets for \$100, 5 tickets for \$50, etc.

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Committee Member Bautista

The June CAG meeting will be held on June 5, 2003.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2002

Minutes approved (7:0) Vice Chair Keig moved to approve the minutes. Committee Member Subocz seconded the motion.

BUSINESS

2. MAYOR KENNEDY: OVERVIEW OF MORGAN HILL CAPITAL PROJECTS

Recommended Action: Information Item. Mayor Dennis Kennedy will provide a brief overview of the City's public facility construction projects.

Mayor Kennedy attended the Senior Advisory Committee meeting upon the invitation of Chair Gadway. Mayor Kennedy provided an overview of the City's current capital projects. He explained the visioning process for the current facilities under construction or in the design phase began 5 to 7 years ago. The community participated in this process and identified several public facilities that were needed in Morgan Hill. These include the following projects:

1. Community and Cultural Center
2. Indoor Community Recreation Center
3. Aquatics Complex
4. Sports Complex – soccer and baseball
5. Library expansion or construction of a new library
6. Street and sewers

The funds for the construction of these projects comes from the Redevelopment Agency. The Redevelopment Agency has raised \$147 million for these projects. The Redevelopment Agency raises funds for such projects through the increased property taxes of new and renovated properties in areas of Morgan Hill identified as Redevelopment Districts. Mayor Kennedy gave an update on the status of these projects. The Community and Cultural Center is completed. Construction will begin on the Aquatics Complex soon. The completion date is scheduled for May 31, 2004. The Indoor Community Recreation Center is currently in the design phase. The facility is scheduled to be completed in June 2006. Mayor Kennedy stated he hopes to accelerate the construction schedule for this project. The renovation or construction of a new library hinges upon the results of the Proposition 14 Library grant application to the State Library. Construction on the Sports Complex will begin when the current Soccer Complex is relocated to a parcel of land adjacent to the future Sobrato High School. Street and sewer improvements are on-going projects.

As stated above, Mayor Kennedy indicated that he hoped the construction schedule for the Indoor Community Recreation Center would be accelerated. He explained the current construction schedule was a recommendation from City staff and the City Manager. City staff and the City Manager feel the City's current limited resources would be spread too thin to work on two projects simultaneously. The City Manager urged to Council to approve the construction of one project at a time. Mayor Kennedy added the Council accepted the recommendation of City staff and decided to build the Aquatics Complex first, because it is a smaller, less expensive project than the Indoor Community Recreation Center.

Chair Gadway asked Mayor Kennedy if he was ready to take questions from members of the Committee. Committee Member Subocz asked why the Soccer Complex was being relocated and asked about the liability insurance for the Aquatics Complex and stated she had a concern in regard to the volume of water that would be used for the complex. Mayor Kennedy responded the Soccer Complex is leased by the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA). CYSA has developed a deal with the City of San Jose to utilize a parcel of land adjacent Sobrato High School. The parcel is in a green belt area in the City of San Jose. When the plans for Sobrato High School were being developed, the City of San Jose sued both the City of Morgan Hill and the Morgan Hill Unified School District for developing land adjacent to San Jose's Green Belt area. The suit was settled after much negotiation and the decision was made relocate the soccer complex to San Jose's Green Belt area rather than try to build a larger multi-sport complex in on that parcel of land.

Mayor Kennedy then explained the water used to fill the pools would be significant at first, but then level off. A minimal amount of water used would be to replace evaporated water. He emphasized the pools have been designed to take advantage of the high energy conservation features available and heating costs will be minimal. In response to Committee Members Subocz's question in regard to liability, he indicated the City has appropriate liability insurance. The City has insurance through the Association of Bay Area Governments, which insures many community pools throughout the Bay Area.

Vice Chair Keig asked Mayor Kennedy if he was sure the Indoor Community Recreation Center would be completed in 2006, as many seniors are anxious to use it. Mayor Kennedy assured Vice Chair Keig the facility would be completed by that date if not sooner.

Chair Gadway asked if the financial situation of the City would have an impact on the construction of the Center. He emphasized the funds are available and construction should go as planned. Mayor Kennedy also stated the City of Morgan Hill is currently in better financial shape than other cities in the area due to the large reserves appropriated by the Council. He explained the funds for day to day operation of the City come from the General Fund and funds for the construction projects come from the Redevelopment Agency. He stated due to the slow economy, revenues to the City are lower than in the past, but the reserves will help the City to maintain current levels of service. He also stated the City is looking to innovated methods to increase revenues in the future as well as adding new businesses such as a Ford Dealership, Comcast Cable, and Harley Davidson.

Committee Member Mort asked if the City will subsidize the new Center or will it be self supporting. Mayor Kennedy explained the City does not expect all new construction projects to break even. He stated he feels cities in a healthy financial situation should ear mark a percentage of their budgets to provide recreation programs and services to residents. He stated all new projects do have cost recovery targets, but the first few years will be subsidized by the City. The Indoor Community Recreation Center is expected to be self supporting after the first few years of operation.

Committee Member Leonard asked about the status of the design of the kitchen for the Senior Nutrition Program. She asked if the design included two kitchens. Mayor Kennedy responded

no decision on the kitchen had been made yet. He stated Mayor Pro Tempore, Hedy Chang, and Council Member Greg Sellers will serve on the Indoor Community Recreation Center Sub-Committee. He urged the members of the Committee to emphasize their position on the Nutrition Program to the Sub Committee and to the Council. Chair Gadway stated, the Committee approved a Recommendation in May to the Parks and Recreation Commission in regard to the construction schedule and the kitchen facilities at the new facility. Staff Balagso stated the Recommendation will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their next meeting. Once the Parks and Recreation Commission accepts the Recommendation, it will be forwarded it to the City Council. Chair Gadway added the Committee has approved two Recommendations regarding the issue of the kitchen facilities for the Senior Nutrition Program.

Mayor Kennedy then took questions from the members of the community who attended the meeting. Marie Skinner asked how many pools were planned for the Aquatics Complex and she asked if seniors would have access to the pools. Mayor Kennedy stated all residents or Morgan Hill can use the Aquatics Complex. The complex will have four pools:

- 1) 50 meter competition pool
- 2) Recreation pool with water features
- 3) Splash area for toddlers and small children
- 4) Six lane pool for swim lessons

Mayor Kennedy stated the recreation pool and the competition pool will generate revenue for the City. He also stated Indoor Community Recreation Center will have an indoor pool that will be open to the community.

Former Senior Advisory Committee member La Gina Metcalf stated she feels the needs of the seniors have been “placed on hold” due to the delay of the construction of the Indoor Center. She feels the Indoor Community Center should have been given priority. Mayor Kennedy stated he regrets the delay in the construction. He feels the City could work on two projects and will continue to work to accelerate the construction schedule.

Former Senior Advisory Committee Member Doris Bateman expressed concern for the needs of the seniors and asked if the Senior Center and Senior Nutrition program would be combined at the new Center as it is now or would there be two facilities for seniors. She stated the City considered renovating the Friendly Inn a few years ago. Mayor Kennedy stated he would prefer to have the two combined. Ms. Bateman then asked if there were plans to renovate the Friendly Inn. Mayor Kennedy responded there are no plans at this time. The issue of the kitchen will need to be resolved. The City cannot afford to build two separate kitchens. Chair Gadway stated one Recommendation from the Committee was to renovate the Friendly Inn in order to keep the Nutrition Program at its current site. There then could be two facilities for seniors with different programs and services at each. Mayor Kennedy stated he will note this issue and explore the different options. He also stated he could make a decision or commitment at this time. He did say the Nutrition Program would remain at the Friendly Inn for at least 2 to 3 years.

A representative from the County Senior Nutrition Program, which oversees the Morgan Hill Senior Nutrition Program, was present. She emphasized the need to repair the Friendly Inn. There are currently several violations of health and safety code due to the deterioration of the

Friendly Inn. The County has postponed citing the City because the City indicated, two years ago, it would build a new Community Center. She stated the County offered to contribute \$9000 to repair the Friendly Inn, but the City said "no thank you" because a new Center was going to be built. She stated the County is bound by state and federal regulations and cannot ignore the health and safety hazards any longer. Mayor Kennedy asked her for her card and stated he would be in touch to discuss solutions to this problem. The County representative indicated a new dishwasher had been ordered and repairs to the island in the kitchen will be made. Mayor Kennedy thanked her for bringing this issue to his attention and he stated again he would contact her.

Committee Member Swann asked Mayor Kennedy how much of the cost of the Center was being used for design and architectural costs. Mayor Kennedy responded approximately 12% or \$3 million is dedicated to these costs.

Chair Gadway thanked Mayor Kennedy for his time and for the important information he provided.

3. OVERVIEW OF INDOOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Information Item. Mori Struve, Deputy Director of the City's Public Works Department will provide information on the plan building and site plans for the future Indoor Community Recreation Center to be built on the lot adjacent to Community Park.

Deputy Director Struve was called to jury duty and unable to attend the meeting. Item 3 was covered in Business Item 2 above.

4. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SIT ON INDOOR COMMUNITY RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Action Item. The Senior Advisory Committee will appoint a member sit on the Indoor Community Recreation Center Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will meet on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chair Gadway appointed Committee Member Subocz to sit on the Sub-Committee. Committee Member Subocz will provide an update on the status of the Indoor Community Recreation Center and business of the Sub-Committee at each meeting.

5. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE – SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Recommended Action: Information Only. Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso reported she did not receive the June issue off the monthly newsletter from the California Senior Legislature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Leonard reported she attended the June 2nd Youth Advisory Committee meeting. She handed out a list of prospective intergenerational activities to the Committee. She asked the Committee to review the list and highlight those the Committee Members liked. She asked the Committee to bring the list with highlighted activities back to the July meeting. She enjoyed attending the Youth Advisory Committee meeting and looks forward to assisting the youth to select one or several activities.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting schedule on **July 1, 2003** in City Council Chambers.

Vice Chair Keig moved to adjourned the meeting. Committee Member Bautista seconded the motion. Motion approved (7:0)